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SUBJECT: LIBYA REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR POSITION ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

¶1. (SBU) Post received a diplomatic note from the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation (GPCFLIC; MFA-equivalent) on December 2 informing the Embassy of Libya's intention to seek membership on the UN Human Rights Council for the 2010-2013 term. Attached to the note requesting U.S. support for Libya's candidacy was a nine-page document outlining Libya's qualifications and milestones in codifying human rights. The GPCFLIC highlighted the Great Green Charter for Human Rights in the Jamahiriya Era from 1988, Law 20 of 1991 regarding individual human rights, and Libya's accession to various international conventions on human rights. Post has sent scanned originals of the Arabic-language documents, as well as post's informal translation of the same, to NEA/MAG by email.

¶2. (SBU) Embassy translation of the diplomatic note is included below.

BEGIN DIPLOMATIC NOTE

Ref: 3252/7/5/35

The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The General People's Committee For Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation

The General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation (International Organizations Department), sends its compliments to the U.S. Embassy in the Great Jamahiriya, and has the honor to inform the esteemed Embassy that Libya decided to run for membership of the Human Rights Council for the period 2010-2013 during the elections due to be held at the UNGA in New York in May 2010.

While the Great Jamahiriya appreciates the high importance of human rights on both international and national level for human rights that form the basis of all human and international relationships, it attaches herewith an explanatory note regarding its candidacy to this Council's membership. The note states its commitment to promote and protect human rights principles pursuant to the requirements of the UNGA's resolution 60/251.

Great Jamahiriya hopes that your friendly country could support this candidature.

The General People's Committee Secretariat for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation (International Organizations' Dept) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed US Embassy the assurances of its highest considerations.

To: US Embassy- Tripoli

Date: Dec. 1st, 2009

END TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE

13. (SBU) Comment and guidance request. The diplomatic note was not/not a circular and it is unclear whether all embassies resident in Tripoli received the same. Post requests guidance on what, if any, response should be given. End comment and guidance request.

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